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SUBJ: MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION AT CONSULATE GENERAL

1. AN ESTIMATED 10,000 MARCHERS, LED BY TWO VIETNAMESE STUDENTS CARRYING VIET CONG FLAGS, MADE THEIR ANNUAL MAY DAY PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE STREETS OF MELBOURNE ON MAY 4. THE MAY DAY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR BILL HARTLEY, STATED THAT THE THEME FOR MAY DAY WAS A CELEBRATION OF THE VICTORY OF REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

2. SEVERAL HUNDRED MILITANTS BROKE AWAY FROM THE MAIN MARCH AND PROCEEDED TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THEY CARRIED THE USUAL PLACARDS, TAUNTED THE POLICE, AND HURLED VERBAL ABUSE AT THE U.S. PRESENCE IN AUSTRALIA. THERE WERE NO ARRESTS, PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

3. COMMENT: WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH COMMONWEALTH AND STATE POLICE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION. THE POLICE AGAIN DISPLAYED THEIR USUAL COOPERATION AND EFFECTIVE PLANNING.

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